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Lieutenant Governor Debate at Montclair State

New Jersey candidates Rendo and Oliver debate ahead of the upcoming gubernatorial election



Democratic Assemblywoman Sheila Oliver and Woodcliff Lake’s N.J. Republican mayor, Carlos Rendo, spoke to the press after their debate at the University.

Christina Urban | The Montclarion

Gabe Wanissian
Staff Writer

Democratic Assemblywoman Sheila Oliver and Woodcliff Lake’s N.J. Republican mayor, Carlos Rendo, debated on Monday night at Montclair State University to make their case for the lieutenant governor seat.

The candidates largely defended the positions of their running mates, Democrat Phil Murphy and Republican Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno who are vying to replace current New Jersey governor, Chris Christie.

The most heated exchange occurred when NJTV’s moderator Michael Aron brought up Guadagno’s controversial campaign ad about illegal immigration that many have criticized as having racist undertones. Rendo, who is a Cuban immigrant and an im-

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Controversy Continues to Brew Over Petting Zoo

Montclair Animal Activists plan to end petting zoos on campus

Sam Carliner
Staff Writer

Petting zoos, which have become one of Montclair State’s most frequent campus events, have been receiving criticism from a portion of the student body.

Last month saw the first petting zoo of the fall 2017 semester at Montclair State University. This gained the attention of the Montclair Animal Activist club on campus who were concerned for the well-being of the animals.

While the animal activists did not protest the petting zoo in person on Sept. 11, they did show up at the petting zoo on Friday Oct. 13. Several members were handing out flyers with information about their concerns with the petting zoo.

“It’s more than just animals to pet and distress,” said Maya Idrovo, a student who distributed flyers at the event. “When you step aside and look at it as more than what you want it to be, it is animals in small cages who succumb to the circumstances of organizations such as

petting zoos.”

The flyers the activists were handing out detailed various concerns for the animals, such as denial of food and water, being transported for long amounts of time in confined spaces and lack of time to exercise.

In a statement, SLAM said, “In the past there have not been humane standards, just what fits our budget. But within the past year or so, our board has made efforts to do out best to find the most humane petting zoos and animal experiences to bring to our campus.”

Before resorting to flyers, the activists had gone to a Student Life at Montclair (SLAM) meeting to voice their concerns but felt that what they had to say was dismissed due to the continuation of the event. The organization also created a petition on change.org which has gained more than 80 signatures.

The Montclair Animal Activist club had support from some students who attended the event, such as freshman Zoe Gleason.



Students holding a baby goat.

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“I was holding a bunny rabbit earlier and I was just holding him and he seemed to be pretty relaxed,” Gleason said. “But as soon as two

people walked up and started petting him he got really anxious and tried to squirm away.”

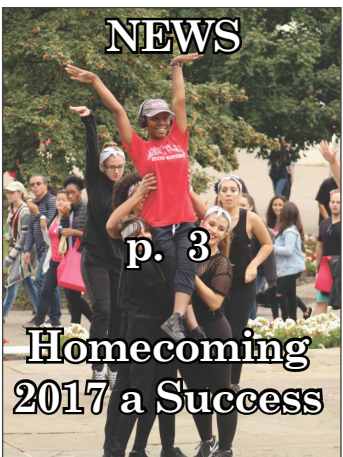
Not all students agree that

there is an issue.

“If anything, farmers would care more about animals

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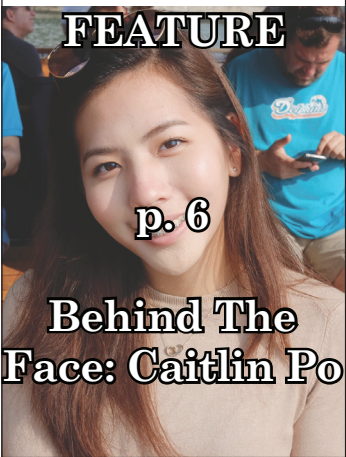
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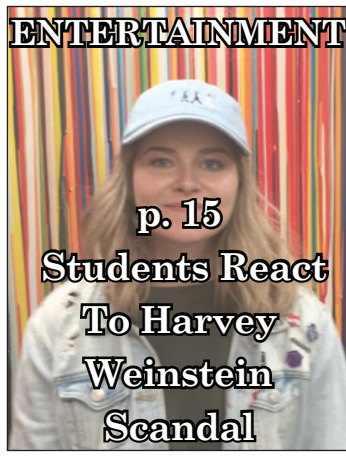
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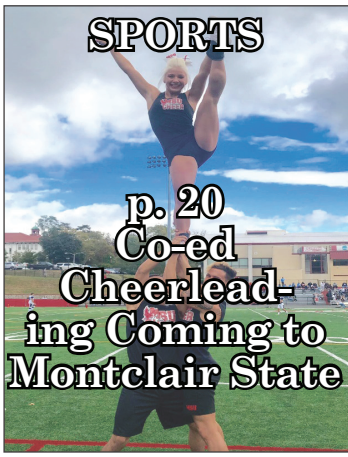
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Debate: Both candidates touched on higher education

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Supporters of both party candidates stood outside the School of Communication and Media building.

migration attorney, came to the defense of the ad and criticized Murphy’s consideration to make New Jersey a “sanctuary state.”

“The Murphy and Oliver ticket is the most anti-cop, anti-law enforcement ticket in the history of the state of New Jersey,” Rendo said.

Oliver pulled no punches in return, calling Rendo and Guadagno’s campaign a continuation of Chris Christie’s policies, being “purposefully divisive” and accused them for ditching their moderate approach for far right wing talking points as a last ditch effort to make ground before the Nov. 7 election. The most recent Fairleigh Dickinson University poll finds Murphy ahead of Guadagno by 15 percent.

Oliver, who stayed on message with Murphy’s proposals, presented a progressive message such as returning \$9 billion to public education,

full legalization of marijuana, expanded universal preschool and free community college, and a promise to be an alternative to Governor Christie. Christie currently holds a historically low 15 percent favorability rating, according to a Quinnipiac University poll.

Rendo hammered home Guadagno’s central message of lowering taxes, namely to combat rising property tax rates, as well as repeatedly calling Oliver and Murphy’s proposals lavish spending.

“They have absolutely no plan to bring property tax relief to the residents of the state of New Jersey,” said Rendo as he held up a blank piece of paper to the live audience that was being simultaneously broadcasted by NJTV. Rendo stated that the tax plan presented by Guadagno would save homeowners’ an average of \$800, which resonated with the core voter base in attendance.

“Mayor Rendo kind of answered it more where he wanted to lower property taxes to make it more affordable for me to live here,” said Montclair State student James Coffey. Coffey works as an intern for the Guadagno campaign.

Oliver followed by saying Murphy’s current tax plan would raise \$1.3 billion for education, pensions and more — including raising taxes on the wealthy, closing corporate loopholes and taxing legalized marijuana. The progressive policies resonated with many students.

“I will probably be voting for Murphy,” said Montclair State student Wyatt Benson, a television and digital media major who volunteered at the event. “A large portion of their ticket revolves around improving education in the state. So it’s nice to see that higher education is included in that,” Benson said.

Red Hawk Rap Sheet



Graphic by Claudia Habramanston

Wednesday, Oct. 11

University Hall: A female student reported that she was receiving suspicious text messages from a phone application called SENDaText.co which at one point stated to her, “I know you are on your phone. I see that.” The female victim does not know who was sending her the text messages, nor does she know of anyone who would send her those kind of messages. This incident is under further investigation.

Thursday, Oct. 12

University Police Headquarters: A female student came to report that a suspicious telephone number had been sending her harassing and threatening text messages stating that her cellphone had been “hacked” and texting them “I see you.” The female student does not know who the phone number belongs to and states that her friends are receiving suspicious text messages of the same nature by an unknown number. This incident is under investigation.

Friday, Oct. 13

Freeman Hall: Patrol Officers responded to a report of a female resident student who was receiving harassing phone calls and voice-mail messages from an unknown telephone number. The female reported that she received a voicemail message stating, “I see everything. I’m gonna be there in a few. I’m coming to ruin your life. Good bye.” The female student does not know who was calling her and could not think of anyone who would leave her those kind of voicemail messages. This incident is under investigation.

Sunday, Oct. 15

Machuga Heights: Patrol Officers responded to a report of a female resident student whose Vera Bradley backpack was stolen from the first floor laundry room. The female student reported that she left the backpack unattended in the dryer for an hour and a half and when she returned, it was missing. This incident is under investigation.

Sunday, Oct. 15

Gordon Hall: Patrol Officers arrested 20-year-old male resident student, Hunter M. Romanowski, for Simple Assault and Harassment under the New Jersey Domestic Violence Act. Romanowski physically assaulted, pushed and made unwanted and threatening phone calls to the victim. He was issued a Temporary Restraining Order, processed and transported, without bail, to the Essex County Correctional Facility in Newark, N.J. He is scheduled to appear in Essex County Superior Court.

Sunday, Oct. 15

Online: Patrol Officers arrested 20-year-old male resident student, Kevin J. Sherman of Freehold, N.J. for Cyber-Harassment under the New Jersey Domestic Violence Act. Sherman posted explicit pictures of the victim over social media and accessed the victim’s social media accounts without their knowledge. Sherman was issued a Temporary Restraining Order, processed and released with an appearance scheduled in Passaic County Superior Court.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents
is urged to call the police station at T-I-P-S (8477).
All calls are strictly confidential.

Homecoming 2017 a Success

Sigma Delta Tau and MSDC place in the showcase



Montclair State Dance Company performing at the Homecoming Showcase.

Taylor Risley| The Montclarion

Taylor Risley
Contributing Writer

The Red Hawks came together this past Saturday for Montclair State University’s 2017 Homecoming. To kick off the day, first-year students and their families had a pancake breakfast with President Susan Cole, which was followed by the campus carnival, alumni tailgate, student showcase, first-ever car show and the Homecoming football game.

Each of the planned events allowed students, faculty, staff, alumni and their family members to have fun and celebrate their Red Hawk pride.

One of the events with the greatest turnout this year was the Homecoming Showcase. From noon to 1:30 p.m., the rows of the amphitheater were filled with people who came to support the school’s student organizations and watch them show off their talents. People passing by the amphitheater stopped to look at the organizations dancing in front of the cheering crowd.

“This is one of the best events,” said Joshua Bishop-Mbachu, one of the senior



SLAM Co-Director Joshua Bishop-Mbachu and Rocky take the stage during the Homecoming Showcase, held at the amphitheater.

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co-directors of programming for Student Life At Montclair (SLAM). “It really shows how diverse and engaged our campus is and how active our alumni are.”

The showcase consisted of

different organizations on campus coming together and performing different dance routines. The Montclair State Dance Company (MSDC), RecBoard and various fraternities and sororities are some

of the organizations that competed in the show.

“It was upbeat and everyone on the stage was excited to be there performing for us,” said Erin Gaydos, a freshman majoring in theatre studies, after

watching the showcase.

Following the showcase, the football game against the Salisbury University Seagulls took place at Sprague Field at 2 p.m. The Red Hawks fell to the Seagulls with a score of 10-28 after a hard fight.

After the game, the winners of the banner contest, showcase and homecoming royalty were announced.

The winner of the banner contest was Newman Catholic, with The Village following behind them in second and Dinallo Heights in third.

As for homecoming royalty, Frank Dolan of Alpah Chi Rho took second and Jackie Lynch of Sigma Delta Tau took first.

“Being nominated was surreal,” said senior Doug Arouh of Delta Chi, who made it into the Homecoming court. “I never would have imagined it.”

Sigma Delta Tau won first place in the showcase this year followed by MSDC in second.

“It feels like I found my family,” said Joshua Trembley, a freshman majoring in theatre studies who just recently joined MSDC. “I thought the showcase went extremely well and it showed our sense of community through dance.”

Petting Zoo: The owner of last Friday’s petting zoo defends her practice

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Vice President of Montclair Animal Activists, Erin O’Connell, talks to a student about the cruelty of petting zoos.

“At the end of the day these are lives, they have special needs and shouldn’t be used for our amusement.”

- Joanne Weigel

than the average person since they’re the ones taking care of them,” said Carlos Valdivia, a student attending the event.

Since the petting zoos have become a regular campus event, many students felt that it would be upsetting if the event was discontinued.

“I would feel devastated because I feel that petting zoos are great for campus,” said Samantha St. Vil. “I always look forward to coming here. It’s a really great way to destress after exams and quizzes.”

The owner of the petting zoo, Carolyn Narepecha, agreed that petting zoos can

be an issue but did not feel that hers was.

“There are petting zoos out there that do not take care of their animals and I’m very against it,” Narepecha said. “My animals all have names. They all are handled by us directly and taken care of and loved. My animals come first in terms of their well being.”

Narepecha owns The Friendly Farmyard Traveling Pony and Petting Zoo which consists of 13 animals, all of which are rescue animals. She has worked in animal rescue for almost 16 years, having volunteered at the Montclair and

Bloomfield animal shelters.

While there are not likely to be anymore campus petting zoos this semester, the animal activists intend to continue protesting and addressing their concerns to SLAM and the rest of the student body until petting zoos are removed from campus for good.

“Our animal oriented events tend to have the highest participation rate,” SLAM said. “If the majority of the students don’t want to see petting zoos we will stop bringing them.”

Students Learn Mental Health Tips

University organizations create a week of events to raise mental health awareness

Hiral Patel
Staff Writer

Mental Health Awareness Week kicked off on Oct.16, with events that were collaboratively sponsored by the Office of Health Promotion, Active Minds, Residence Life and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS).

Some of the events that took place were Positive Self Talk and Affirmations, Studio DIY Masquerade Masks, Let's Chat About Emotions, Mental Health Screening and Stigma-Free Zone Activities.

Dr. Sudha Wadhwani, who is the coordinator of outreach and prevention here at Montclair State University and a New Jersey licensed psychologist, spoke out on what mental health awareness really means and its purpose for the events.

"Through Mental Health Awareness Week, we hope to increase awareness within the

Montclair State community of how important it is to take care of our mental health," Wadhwani said.

Wadhwani said that the aim is to decrease the stigma around mental health and spread the word that it is healthy, courageous and a sign of strength to seek help.

The events are focused on self-care, positive self-talk, increasing awareness of emotions, managing stress and learning more about your mental health.

Araba Assam, a graduate student majoring in public health, said how this week is about encouraging students that they are not alone and that they should not feel like they are being judged. Araba is also a graduate assistant for CAPS and helped out at the Positive Self Talk and Affirmations event on Tuesday.

Students talked about how the events helped them de-



Hamcah Muhammad decorating his Masquerade Mask.

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stress and was a great way to make them feel relaxed. It was something they all looked forward to all day long.

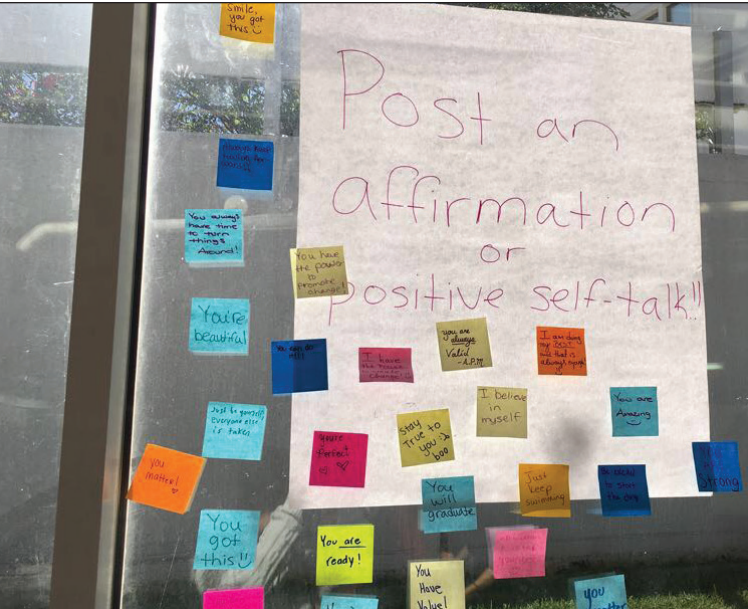
"Right now, I am making a masquerade mask. I actually attend lot of DIY events that are cool and fun," said freshman Hamcah Muhammad at the mask event.

Muhammad said it is very important for him that this week's events bring awareness to those suffering from a mental illness and benefit others in a positive way.

The masks that were made by the students will be used for the Masquerade Ball that will be hosted on Friday, in the

7th floor of University Hall.

George Smith, a junior majoring in psychology, wants to remind other students that they should be aware of their mental health and know when they need time for themselves.



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Students list positive affirmations to help others struggling with mental health inside the Student Center.

Financial Aid to Launch Sessions to Ease Students' Frustration

The office will push for better communication regarding deregistration

Tiffany Baskerville
Contributing Writer

The Office of Financial Aid has started new preparations in resolving student billing and assisting with student deregistration as of the current fall 2017 semester. The department is launching learning sessions so that students will be more aware of upcoming deadlines surrounding these issues.

Each year the Office of Financial Aid and the Office of Student Accounts collaborate to streamline and improve the payment process for students at the university. Financial aid works to assist students in obtaining the funds they are eligible to receive to avoid deregistration and the deactivation of Canvas.

Posted on the university's website and sent through student emails is the 2018-2019 FAFSA for financial aid, which is now available. This was introduced last year to make students proactive about financial aid.

Associate Director of Student Financial Aid Lucy Candal-Fernandez has worked in the financial aid office for Montclair State University for over 20 years. She has seen the countless struggles students experience this time of year and noted there are many ways to help alleviate some of the stress involving student billing.

"We are pushing for better communication among the students," Fernandez said. "The financial office is launching lawn signs, posting information in the Red Hawk News, taking advantage of the new School of Communication by using TVs and online media to appeal to students."

Fernandez said the Office of Financial Aid still struggles to-

ward the beginning of the year despite new innovative ideas emerging to assist students regarding billing and deregistration.

"There is a high volume of students and parents who reach out to our office," Fernandez said. "It tends to be difficult because you have a large portion of students all experiencing similar issues

wanting immediate solutions for their financial aid issues."

Instead of using a bill estimator, which is provided to the students via web, Fernandez said that students wait until they are actually billed.

This is why there are a lot of students needing assistance in the beginning of the year.

Montclair State students were emailed important notices to their university emails regarding their account balance, as posted on Montclair State's website on Sept. 14. The emailed notice included two clear bolded words, "Deactivation and Deregistration."

"Every year this happens," said junior nursing student, Kenz Moore. "We come straight from summer vacation, and we are slapped with financial notices. The school does not give us time to prepare ourselves."

- Kenz Moore, junior nursing student

The email, issued by the Office of Student Accounts, was a final notice to alert students of possible account deregistration.

Just eight days into the new academic school year, stu-

dents packed into the financial aid and student accounts offices. Frustrated students filled the hallway, waiting in line to be seen by a financial aid advisor.

"Every year this happens," said junior nursing student, Kenz Moore. "We come straight from summer vacation, and we are slapped with financial notices. The school does not give us time to prepare ourselves."

Moore felt that many students who were emailed the final notices believe the school and financial aid departments overlook this issue with their

lack of involvement. Students anxious over the sudden notices anticipate how they will resolve such financial issues with the upcoming deadlines closely approaching.

Students are shown the upcoming deadlines and policy regulations that come with failed student payment on the university's website. According to the policy of Montclair State, if undergraduate students with a remaining balance on their student account fail to pay the account balance, then the first penalty - effective on Sept. 20 - is deactivation from Canvas. This means all activity of submitting assignments in addition to student-teacher interaction is deactivated.

Following the deactivation from Canvas, students are subjected to deregistration from fall 2017 courses on Sept. 27. With these pending deadlines, students find it troublesome to keep up with the financial notifications. This causes long lines and stress. Fernandez said the school offers many resources to help resolve aid issues and it is the student's responsibility to make deadlines.

"Students in general, not just Montclair State students, tend to procrastinate and wait until they are billed, because they want to know what they owe in its entirety," Fernandez said.

Parth Patel and Usman Bashiru, both juniors and information technology students at Montclair State, expressed their desire for a reformed communication system that reaches students more for billing.

"I wish the university had a better system in assisting students regarding student deregistration and financial aid," Patel said.



Students wait in line to be seen by a Financial Aid Advisor in College Hall.

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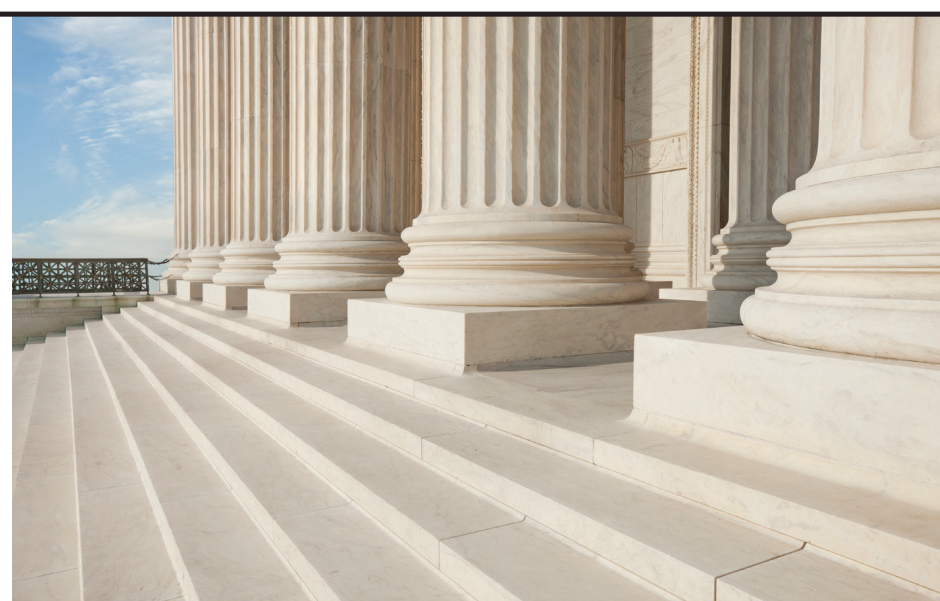
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Freshman accounting major Caitlin Po visits New York City after moving to the United States from the Philippines.

Photo courtesy of Caitlin Po

Behind The Face: Caitlin Po

Caitlin Po left her family in the Philippines and came to the United States to attend college. It was a hard decision for her to make especially since she had never been away from home without her family. The freshman accounting major took time away from her busy schedule to sit down with staff writer, **Sunah Choudhry**

All of a sudden the air-plane started shaking. I tightly gripped the chair's armrests as the plane's tires screeched on a concrete runway. I tried calming myself down by taking deep breaths, but what felt like a frightening hour was merely one minute. Little did I know, this feeling would come back to haunt me except in a new form.

Before this, I've flown to the United States several times. My family and I traveled from our home in the Philippines to places like New York, Washington, New Jersey, Florida, Los Angeles, San Francisco, California's Napa Valley, and San Diego. However, when those tires screeched this time, I knew I was here to stay longer without family or friends.

When high school ended I had to decide, am I going to leave my family and attend college in the United States or am I going to stay in the Philippines with my family? This was a really tough decision. I didn't want to leave my friends and family behind.

My mother is my rock. I go to her for everything, and she's always there for me. My father is also a big part of my life. I'm a daddy's girl. Moving to the

United States would put 8,050 miles of distance between us. Still, I had to do what was best for myself and my future. Montclair State University was an easy pick for me. It's a good school for my future, but its location is even better. My aunt Terry lives near Montclair. She has become my home away from home.

However, even though Aunt Terry is here, it was still hard adjusting to Montclair State. It got really hard without my mom and dad by my side, but my other fears and challenges also plagued my consciousness.

My first fear was being alone. How do I make friends? Do I just say hi? Do I mention I'm an international student? My second fear was getting distracted from my studies. My parents paid a lot of money for me to attend Montclair State.

As the weeks drifted by, the social aspects came into more focus. Those weeks also showed me how the dynamic here is very different in comparison to the Philippines. Back home, a lot is done for me by drivers and maids such as school paperwork, financial forms, cooking and cleaning.



Caitlin Po and her family enjoying their time at her uncle Rodney Ong's wedding in the Philippines.

Photo courtesy of Ryan Ong

In the United States, I do everything on my own. I cook meals, manage expenses, clean and fill out school and financial forms.

I also noticed that people here like getting these things done as soon as possible. People here are always in a rush. While people in the Philip-

pines go with the flow, not everything needs to be done as soon as possible.

Overall, there are positives and negatives when moving to a different country. Yes it's a fresh start, but on the other hand, you're leaving behind familiarity, your cultural customs, your home, your

friends and family. Regardless, I would never take back my decision.

Coming to the United States and to Montclair was the best decision I have ever made. I'm really enjoying my time here, and I've made lots of new friends.

Montclair Township Animal Shelter

Community gives endless support to animals



A family discussing the adoption process at the Montclair Township Animal Shelter.

Photo courtesy of Benny Harrison's Facebook



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A stray iguana being held at the Montclair Township Animal Shelter.



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Francis, a mixed puppy of Labrador, pit bull, bulldog and hound breeds with his soon-to-be sister.

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On Sunday mornings outside of the Montclair Township Animal Shelter, crates, newspapers and pet food are left near the door as donations. It's nothing out of the ordinary though because community members are always extremely generous when it comes to giving to the shelter. Taped to the window is a list of acceptable items to donate and a flyer for a local pet loss support group.

Once it opens up to the public for the day, people of all ages walk into the shelter located at 77 N. Willow St. in Montclair, New Jersey hoping to add loving, new additions to their families. On the main level, a family meets their new best friend — a mixed puppy of Labrador, pit bull, bulldog and hound breeds named Francis — and learns what kinds of food and chew toys he prefers.

In the office upstairs, toys soak in a garbage bag full of catnip, waiting to be played with by the cats currently staying there. The shelter's acting director, Liz Morgan, is passionate about enriching the animals' lives in any way she can. She has over 27 years of experience working with animals.

The shelter's employees take pride in the way they treat their animals, assuring that they are properly taken care of by sticking to a schedule. They eat breakfast at 8:30 a.m. every morning, dogs go for walks twice a day, cats socialize and they are all taken to their veterinarian appointments.

The Montclair Township Animal Shelter, which serves just Montclair and Nutley, New Jersey, currently takes care of 50 cats and 10 dogs, in addition to the handful of puppies and adult dogs being fostered.

The shelter has also had bunnies, ferrets, rats and birds stay there in addition to the usual cats

and dogs. Her entire team feels a personal responsibility to make the animals feel as comfortable as possible, no matter what the situation.

"I will never turn away somebody in need," Morgan said, referring to someone coming from another town. If she can't help them, which could be the case with a violent animal or if the shelter is at capacity, she'll find someone who can.

The shelter received an unexpected call overnight last week from the Montclair Police Department about a stray iguana, which has never happened in this area before.

"In a facility like this, it's not ideal for a reptile," Morgan said. "[They require] a lot of specialized care."

The shelter is holding the iguana for seven days, just like it would with any cat or dog, and then it will go to a rescue. In the meantime, Morgan was able to borrow a heat lamp from her friends at Brookdale Pet Center in Bloomfield, New Jersey to make the iguana feel comfortable.

Montclair State University's organization, the Montclair Animal Activists believes that animal welfare is an important issue. The group hosts events throughout the year to advocate for animals and promote veganism, and they started a petition last semester for vegan food options in dining halls that received over 2,100 signatures.

"It's really important for animal shelters to be at the front of people's minds," said Stephanie Russo, the club's secretary. "Animals are just as equal — they are living and breathing. We're even animals."

The Montclair Animal Activists are always open to working with different organizations and are considering the possibility of a partnership with an animal shelter.

Ashlie Melchiorre, an English major at Montclair State, recently adopted her dog Oliver after

he lived in a shelter and was fostered by another owner. She strongly believes that people should rescue pets instead of buying them from breeders or pet stores.

"Anyone looking for a new pet [should] go through adoption because there are so many animals out there who need a loving home," Melchiorre said.

People of all different ages and backgrounds have consistently shown their support for animals in Montclair, not only college students. When Morgan posted on Facebook that she needed extra supplies for a new litter of puppies that just came in, two full Amazon vans delivered food, collars and training pads from her wish list.

One morning, two young girls named Kaia and Aubrey came into the shelter with donations that prove how important the animals are to them. They brought in a bunch of dog toys and donated \$200 raised from a lemonade stand, respectively.

Younger kids in town often have birthday parties where in lieu of gifts for themselves, they ask for toys and treats for the animals. The same goes for weddings and engagement parties — people will ask for a donation to the shelter instead of typical gifts.

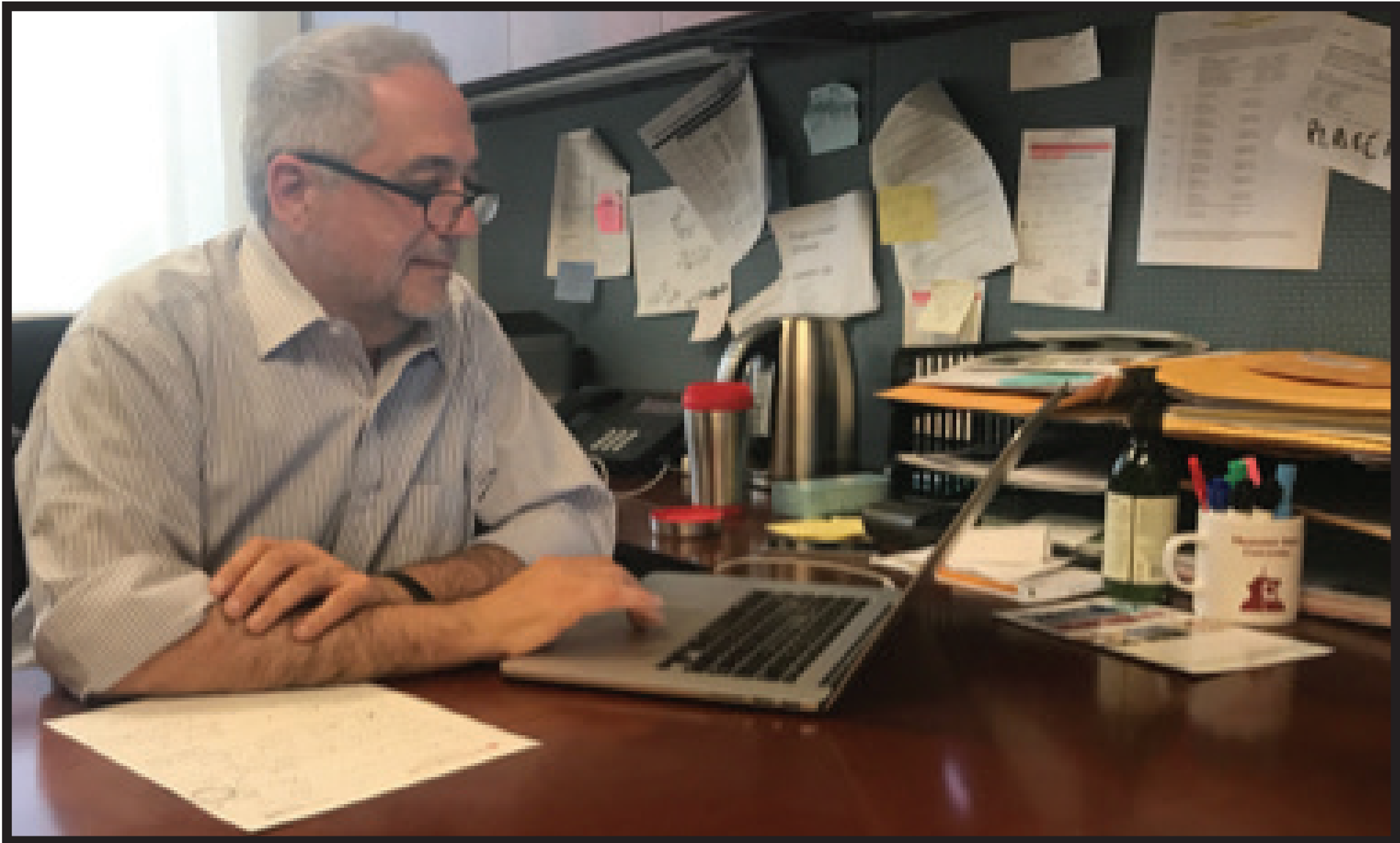
Morgan has been the acting director of the shelter since January 2016 and loves what she does. She is constantly amazed by how passionate everyone in the community is about animals.

"Being in Montclair, a town that is so wonderful about animal welfare, is just such a gift," Morgan said.

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"I always had a passion for education, and knew the more that I got, the more I would succeed."

- Dr. Raul Galoppe, *Professor of Spanish and Latino Studies*



Dr. Raul Galoppe, professor of Spanish and Latino Studies, working in his office in Dickson Hall.

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Beyond the Classroom

Dr. Raul Galoppe's 'passion for education'

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While there are age restrictions on many things like consuming alcohol, getting into an R-rated movie and enlisting in the army, there’s no age restriction on advancing your education according to Dr. Raul Galoppe. He’s the department chair of Spanish and Latino Studies. Galoppe believes it’s his duty to remind his students to always push their limits and embrace what makes them happy.

Galoppe has always been interested in education and has been at Montclair State University for 15 years. The associate professor was born in Argentina and came to the United States after college. He was part of an international educational exchange program provided by the government called the Fulbright Exchange Program. He worked in Colorado for six months and then returned to Argentina for a year. When he came back to the United States, he went to Columbia, Miss. for his graduate studies.

“I always had a passion for education and knew the more that I got, [then] the more I would succeed,” said Galoppe.

The highly educated professor has a well-crafted résumé that matches his craft. Galoppe has written a number of articles and has a few

books under his belt. When he isn’t teaching a class, answering emails, attending meetings or helping his students, he is invested in his research.

“Even though I have stated office hours, I make myself available to all my students at any time, but when I go home it’s a lot more manageable and quiet for me to work on my research,” Galoppe said.

The common themes of Galoppe’s research are based on queer theory, feminism, psychoanalysis and Lacanian psychoanalysis, which is based on the French psychoanalyst, Jacques Lacan.

“In class, I incorporate my studies with my students, which we both enjoy,” said Galoppe.

Considering the tense political climate, Galoppe says his research is more imperative than ever.

“Addressing political situations are always very tense,” Galoppe said. “When I began my research in the early 90s, there was a confusion as to what I was bringing to the table. But now, more than ever, my research of queer studies, which can also connect with politics and Latin studies, is all relevant and important.”

Throughout Galoppe’s years of teaching, he has inspired numerous amounts of students, some who discover they want to pursue something similar to his research after taking his

class.

“Thanks to social media and particularly Facebook, I have been able to connect with students that I had in Argentina over 30 years ago,” said Galoppe.

One student that Galoppe had 35 years ago, messaged him on Facebook and called him her inspiration.

“It definitely is one of the more rewarding moments in my career,” Galoppe said.

While his research is very time consuming, he doesn’t plan on stopping anytime soon. Galoppe plans to preserve and research short films from a film institute that once existed in Argentina but was closed and destroyed by the military government in the '70s.

“While this may not be relevant now, I believe my research will display the concept of Latino sexuality and how it differs from mainstream culture,” said Galoppe.

Galoppe’s energy, knowledge and inviting personality make students enjoy and respect his craft. When asked about his advice to students, he suggests they become well-rounded individuals and take full advantage of college.

“Let’s face it, everything changes--people change, jobs change and your life changes, but once you learn how to transfer certain skills from one area to another, there’s no stopping you,” Galoppe said.



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Masquerade Masks

Students participate in do-it-yourself activity

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Freshman psychology major Ymoni Mctier talks with freshman computer science major Bria Houghton and undeclared freshman Justin Daluise after creating their masks.



Freshman business marketing major Corban Walker puts blue feathers on the sides of his masks.



Freshman psychology major Ymoni Mctier poses with her mask after finishing decorating it.

On Oct. 18, students prepared for the upcoming masquerade ball by decorating their own masks in the Drop In Center. The masquerade ball will be held on Friday, Oct. 20 in University Hall on the seventh floor. All materials and supplies were provided for free. The event was to promote mental health awareness, and was open to everyone with their students IDs. The activity provided students with a stress-free environment from their upcoming midterms.



A student decorates her mask with the materials provided by the Drop In Center.



Junior psychology major Karina Velarde sits with freshman family and child studies major Miley Cha as they make their masks.



Freshman family and child studies Miley Cha looks at the finished product of her mask.

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Potential for full day help on public holidays also a plus. Regular hours are Monday through Thursday 3:00 – 7:00 pm and Friday 3:00 – 5:30 pm. More hours available if desired in the mornings (Mon – Fri) from 7:35 – 8:35. Prior experience with children is preferred, use of own reliable vehicle is preferred. Must be CPR certified with a clean driving record. If interested (or are able to meet some of the needed days/ times), please email juliadolfin@hotmail.com</p> <p>\$15 /COMPANION/CARETAKER /NORTH CALDWELL Seeking responsible, caring and intelligent companion and helper for a 91-year old mother, afternoons and evenings. She is sharp as a tack, but is a little unsteady on her feet and needs some help around fixing meals, assistance with everyday tasks around her apartment, help her into/out of her car and drive her to see friends, do errands or go to the doctor. 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It's Not 'All Here' Yet, Montclair State

Montclair State's motto, "It's all here," is a bold one considering it's all poorly managed here. Last week, the university announced they would be reinstating school-based convocations – ceremonies that were largely missed last year – and that will observe graduates by their department or school in addition to one big commencement.

Then Montclair State announced last minute that there would be no January commencement, a ceremony that was introduced last year and one that students expected to continue for subsequent years. This sparked outrage from students who were looking forward to walking at graduation after their fall semester.

These kinds of announcements highlight an underlying problem. Montclair State seems to be unable to handle large events and unforeseen circumstances. For a school that prides itself on being such a large university, its poor coordination of important events like graduation is unacceptable.

One notable example occurred in preparing for last year's commencement. About five weeks before graduation, Montclair State issued a statement saying that Victor Cruz, the chosen keynote speaker, had scheduling conflicts "that no longer allowed him to keep his commitment" as reported by the Montclarion staff at the

time. They also reported that Cruz stated on Instagram he had never confirmed speaking at the ceremony. How did the university respond? By merely stating the situation was a "miscommunication," and failing to provide a prominent backup speaker right after the announcement. Graduation is a once in a lifetime opportunity, yet the school's disorganized response did not reflect that at all.

The Student Government Association (SGA) has also shown their inability to manage large events. Recently, they announced that the rapper T-Pain would no longer be performing at the Homecoming concert just a few days before the event. While not everyone

was overjoyed with the artist selection, having a fall concert would have been a good addition to the homecoming schedule.

Unfortunately the SGA's response to this mess was all too familiar. SGA President Yousef Al-Khudairi told the Montclarion reporters that the "available artists as backup" did not fit within the budget. What would be the purpose of having backups if they were not suitable to begin with? The backup artist appears to have never been planned, which led to the concert being canceled altogether.

Time and time again, our school has undermined our graduations and large events. Students who work tirelessly

in classes and pay thousands of dollars in tuition do not seem to get the big payout. The schools' last-minute cancellations, lack of backup plans and lack of accountability for their own errors are what we get instead. Whether it's a money issue or miscommunication, the university should be responsible for ensuring things go as planned for important events. Rash decisions shouldn't be made and neither should subpar, last-minute responses. Montclair State often glorifies its high enrollment and great programs, but if the university can't handle its motto of having "it all here," then it should refocus its efforts on providing quality over quantity for the students.

CAMPUS VOICES:

How do you feel about the way Montclair handles large events?



"I think they handle them awfully. Like they're not saying names at the Prudential center and it's weird. I don't want my family to come sit at Sprague Field to hear my name. I don't know what their deal is this year."

- Sam DeMauro,
Communication major,
Senior



"I'm still angry about the commencement. It was so rude and handled so poorly. It was like they were shutting us down for having these feelings, as opposed to hearing us out. Now I have to wait four months to walk?"

- Liz Flack,
Communication major,
Senior



"I feel bad about the commencement that was canceled and how it was canceled. They should come up with a solution where students know things beforehand. They just put that information out there with no good explanation. That's just wrong."

-Ameerah Mitchell,
Humanities major,
Senior



"I feel like they're not handled responsibly. If something like the concert, gets canceled, there should be a plan a, b and c. They put money into our education, but school isn't just school. People live here, and live their lives here. It's a life and a home. Things should be handled more responsibly."

-Stephany Aslan,
Political Science major,
Sophomore

Thumbs Up

Lieutenant Governor debate held on campus

Thumbs Down

Cliffside Park Highschool teacher tells students to speak "American"

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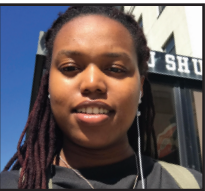
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Montclair State Channels Its Inner Sloth

Getting things done at Montclair State require too much time



KALIFAH FOSTER
COLUMNIST

Students don't have to be here for four years to realize how slow everything is on Montclair State University's campus. Certain things that you want to be done at a reasonable time on campus can end up taking forever. You might have planned on spending an hour or two on campus and end up spending most of your day there instead.

The Office of Student Financial Aid has to be one of the most frustrating departments on campus, and yet happens to be one of the most important as well. They never seem to answer the phone when you call or they have you on hold for too long. Due to the lack of communication, students are forced to meet them in person, which takes time out of their day even when their questions could have been settled over the phone.

When students have to call just to get simple information and get the "run around," it becomes very annoying. You can call one person that works for the university, and they will direct you to

another person who may transfer you to another person and so on. Then, the student ends up getting impatient and exhausted after speaking to so many different people who couldn't answer the question. It seems that some staff don't bother listening to students or take their time into consideration. Time is precious for both sides, and it's not clear whether that's being reciprocated. No one wants to hear, "It's not my job," from staff that are supposed to be helping students. At most, they should make sure that the student, or whoever is trying to get in contact with someone, will get in contact with the right person.

Another thing that shouldn't take a long time is responding to emails. Email is the second fastest way to respond to someone, next to making a phone call. Responding to student emails should be considered a priority. Unfortunately, that's not the case for everyone. Some departments that students send emails to won't respond in a reasonable time frame and by the time they get back to the student, their problem or question has already been resolved. Then, students feel like their issues aren't given priority or importance. This leaves a sour taste in students' mouths, and they probably won't trust emailing



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anyone on this campus because of that reason.

Waiting for things to process or waiting for responses has become part of our college experience, but it doesn't always have to be this way. While it's understandable that not everyone and everything is perfect and certain things could be put on hold, communicating

to students about what's going on is a necessity. This needs to be improved on campus in order to help decrease the student frustration. Everyone will feel more comfortable and satisfied with better communication from both sides. No student would want their time being wasted, and it's doubtful the university would want their

time wasted as well.

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Harvey Is a Storm Like No Other

Sexual harassment scandal shakes Hollywood to its core



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The darkness was exposed by The New York Times, which published an exposé alleging that film producer Harvey Weinstein had committed various acts of sexual harassment and sexual assault over the span of three decades.

In the wake of this shocking report, various actresses and actors have spoken out about being sexually harassed or sexually assaulted by producers or actors in Hollywood. What started as a case against Weinstein has now turned into a full-blown war against an aspect of Hollywood culture that has been shrouded in secrecy until now.

For the victims, it is complete-

ly unfair to pass judgement on them unless you were in their shoes. Many of the people coming out saying they have been sexually harassed in Hollywood admit that they did not speak up for fear of having their careers ruined.

Even though some people will not want to hear this, movie producers like Weinstein hold a lot of power in the industry. These people have the ability to drop actors from certain projects and spread ill will about them to other studios.

To avoid the risk of losing their jobs or careers, the stories of abuse were concealed by the victims and the people in Hollywood who had knowledge of what their colleagues were doing to other human beings. It is disheartening to have to write this, but it is an unfortunate reality that many have had to face.

What this scandal has also done is again exemplify that there are plenty of individuals in Hollywood with a very hypocritical mentality. As much as certain celebrities like to preach

their viewpoints to others, there are skeletons in their own closets that they would gladly keep hidden.

Let us take Ben Affleck as the pinnacle example of hypocrisy in this whole situation. When the news of Weinstein's actions broke, Affleck took to social media to slam the movie producer and talk about how it was wrong to abuse women or take advantage of them.

Affleck acted all high and mighty until several women started revealing that he had groped or sexually harassed them himself throughout the course of his career. One actress, Rose McGowan, flat out stated that Affleck was fully aware of Weinstein's behavior for years. Less than 24 hours after condemning Weinstein's actions, Affleck took to Twitter and insincerely apologize for his revolting behavior.

That is before we get to the fact that his own brother, Casey Affleck, was involved in a legal case with a woman over claims of sexual harassment and lewd behavior. While the court case

ended in a settlement, Ben Affleck never once spoke out about the allegations regarding his brother. The Oscar-winning actor and director is getting everything he deserves and has no right to anyone's sympathy.

Another example of Hollywood hypocrisy comes with actress Kate Winslet. The actress also blasted Weinstein for his behavior, specifically calling it "disgraceful." I guess she did not feel that way about the behavior of Woody Allen or Roman Polanski, two filmmakers the actress has worked with in the last decade.

Winslet recently spoke to The New York Times about the controversy surrounding the aforementioned directors, claiming that she did not know if any of the allegations were true. Winslet specifically stated in situations like this, "... you put it to one side and just work with the person." So Weinstein's actions are "disgraceful," but Winslet just puts it to the side when working with other filmmakers who have been embroiled in the same controversy? Does that

make sense to you?

This whole situation is infuriating in every sense of the word. I am angry at the fact that so many women were victimized and threatened into silence. I am angry that certain people knew about this victimization and did nothing to stop it to save their own careers. Most of all, I am angry at the fact that sexual harassment is still a major issue in our society.

If some of the most powerful people in the world feel like they can not speak out about being victimized, then imagine what must go on for women in the everyday workforce. It is an unacceptable issue that can not be tolerated any longer. The one good thing that can come out of all of this scandal is that it breathes new life into the battle against the sexual harassment women face all throughout this country.

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Keeping Montclair State a Military-Friendly Campus

Student veterans deserve to be heard



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EDITOR

Montclair State University is a military-friendly institution that welcomes veterans, reservists and active duty service members with open arms. The Student Veterans Association (SVA) is an organization that welcomes everyone to attend its general meetings. From student veterans of all branches to those who are not affiliated with the military, all are received with open arms. People like Veteran Certifying Official Kenneth Key, Retention Specialist and Veteran Advisor Mahfuza Kochi and Office of Undergraduate Admissions Recruiter Jeff Bendett, provide student veterans with academic assistance to help them achieve success. Montclair State was ranked number 165 out of the 1,423 top colleges for veterans nationwide by collegefactual.com. There is even

a Canvas student veteran community group where they receive notifications, newsletters, scholarship information and career opportunities.

Despite all the resources and programs offered to student veterans, Montclair State is misunderstanding what student veterans need. The SVA is missing the recognition and appreciation it deserves.

A program that I dislike as a student veteran myself is the Veteran to Veteran Peer Mentorship Program. I find it to be a complete waste of time, as many student veterans have spent time being told what to do and how to do during the course of their military career. I would rather meet other student veterans on my own terms rather than to be assigned to one.

In the military, each branch encourages the buddy system and maintaining a mentorship program. Because of this, adult veterans that have transitioned into civilian life should not feel the need to abide by another mentorship system.

A program that I do enjoy that involves mentorship would be the Agents of Change, which helps students achieve their academic and personal goals. It also works to help students improve their leadership skills. This is a program that I attend by choice.

Last Friday at 1 p.m. at University Hall, the first Voices of Valor program meeting took place. It is designed to translate a service member's military experience into song. An email exchange with Mahfuza Kochi informed me that only one student veteran was present. If this program does not have at least six more members by this Friday, the program will no longer continue.

I would love to participate in the program, but my class schedule conflicts with the program's hours. While I am interested in it, many veterans may not feel comfortable opening up to strangers about their military experiences or channeling them into a song.

In the last year I have noticed that in spite of how incredibly hardworking the SVA members

are, they are still under the radar. The SVA still does not have a large membership. They also do not have many co-sponsorships with other organizations, which could potentially draw more students to attend their events.

The Volunteer Resource Center organized a few military related events. I attended the "thank you" card making for the troops and distributed care packages to homeless veterans event. Although the 9/11 Day of Service was very successful, it would have been better if the SVA was there to contribute other items for the care packages, delegate tasks for students or help students create messages within their cards.

I recently spoke to SVA president, Conor Abbamonte, who served as a Petty Officer Second Class Master at Arms (MA2) in the Navy about having the organization more acknowledged around campus and giving student veterans more opportunities that they want to capitalize on.

"The SVA is rechartering and making new efforts to provide

new information on veteran resources," Abbamonte said.

As a member of both the veteran and Montclair State community, my mission is to ensure that student veterans have their voices heard and are provided what they need in order to make the most of their college experience. This demographic consists of adults who are mature, married, financially independent, leaders, disciplined and have seen different parts of the world. I hope that Montclair State continues to foster student veterans and provide them with exciting opportunities.

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Trump’s Recent Executive Order Should Rejoice Americans

Return of private insurance frees Americans



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On Oct. 12, our incredible President Donald J. Trump kept one of his largest campaign promises by signing an executive order that officially promotes the choice for private citizens to buy insurance across state lines. Trump’s executive order is yet another big win for Americans, especially those who own small businesses. His administration is focusing on improving Association Health Plans (AHPs).

According to the executive order, large employers often are able to obtain better terms on health insurance for their employees than small employers because of their larger pools of insurable individuals across which they can spread risk and administrative costs. Expanding access to AHPs can help small businesses overcome this competitive disadvantage by allowing them to group together to self-insure or purchase large group health insurance.

Expanding access to AHPs will also allow more small businesses to avoid many of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’s (PPACA) costly requirements. Expanding access to AHPs would provide more affordable health insurance op-

tions to many Americans, including hourly wage earners, farmers and the employees of small businesses and entrepreneurs that fuel economic growth.

When large companies go out into the market to find health insurance, they group all of their employees and go to insurance companies in their state to find the best deal, which is why when someone gets insurance through a big company, their pre-existing conditions are often covered. When a large quantity of people are pooled together, the money put in by those without pre-existing conditions is enough to cover the cost of those with them.

The president’s move allows employees who work for small businesses to pool together and find an insurance company that will cover all of them, just like big businesses do. Not only does it allow them to find insurance companies that work for them, it also allows them to look for these insurance companies across state lines, something that was never allowed before. The order also increases competition.

When you open up state lines and allow competition between companies to expand nationally, you lower the overall cost for the consumer. Simple economics dictates that a rise in competition leads to a lower price point. Now that private citizens are allowed to group together,

pre-existing conditions can be covered for the same reason that they are covered when insurance is obtained through a big business.

President Trump’s executive order allows short-term, limited-duration insurance (STLDI), to be a viable option for individuals who do not get company based insurance. STLDI is exempt from the onerous and expensive insurance mandates and regulations included in title I of the PPACA.

This can make it an appealing and affordable alternative to government-run exchanges for many people without coverage available to them through their workplaces. The previous administration took steps to restrict access to this market by reducing the allowable coverage period from less than 12 months to less than three months and by preventing any extensions selected by the policyholder beyond three months of total coverage.

STLDI is a viable option for people that do not get their insurance through their employers, which is more affordable than government-run insurance. While Obamacare revoked this option from the American middle class, the Trump administration is bringing freedom back to the people by making STLDI an available option once again.

The executive order also

helps employees gain health reimbursement arrangements (HRAs) through their employers. As opposed to their predecessors in the Obama administration, who prohibited employers from paying premiums or reimbursing their employees for the same, the Trump administration realizes that HRAs allow individuals more freedoms when it comes to their health insurance, something that was lost with Obamacare.

HRAs give millions of Americans more options when it comes to paying for their health care, giving them the potential to find more affordable and extensive coverage based on their needs. Obamacare forced Americans to choose between paying exploding premiums for government mandated health care, or paying ridiculous fines.

The biggest complaint about President Trump’s executive order is the fact that he cut subsidies. Subsidies were used to cut out of pocket costs for consumers’ co-pays and deductibles. The cuts affect the low and middle income customers, but what Trump’s critics forget is that the money these people do not pay out of pocket, they do pay through taxes. With everything else Trump’s executive order puts into place, citizens’ out of pocket costs will not rise.

When private citizens have the right to band together and cross state lines to get their in-

surance, they can form a big consumer pool. When a big consumer pool is formed, the cost drastically decreases for the individuals buying health care because more people are pooling their money together. Wouldn’t you rather pay \$100 a month with nine of your co-workers than \$1000 a month by yourself?

Thanks to the lowered cost per-individual, subsidies are being covered through larger plans. The more competition in the market, the cheaper the insurance will be for the consumer. This logic works for health care just as much as any product or service in basically any market.

The Obamacare regulations were unjust, expensive and quite frankly, un-American. They cost the American middle class tens of thousands of dollars a year. This horrendous law showcased the true totalitarian, anti-freedom culture of today’s mainstream American left, and proved how dangerous their policies can be. Thanks to President Trump’s executive order, Americans have more freedoms today than they did a week ago, which is something we should all be proud of.

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Bike Rentals Are a Fresh Addition to Campus

Commuters can now enjoy campus in an actively fun way



SUNAH CHOUDHRY
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Recently, Montclair State University introduced a new program that brings something new for both commuters and residents to do on campus. The new bike rental program allows students to rent and ride a bike on campus for a week at a time and offers extra tools from the Student Recreation Center to ensure safety for the student and their bike. The bikes come with front and rear lights, a lock, cell phone holder and a helmet. By being able to go outside more often on nice summer days where the sun is glowing, Montclair’s new bike program will allow students to become more active and get some fresh air.

As a commuter student, I think this is a great addition to Montclair State’s campus. This semester, I have a five-hour gap in between classes on Tuesdays where

I usually just sit on a chair in the Rathskeller cafe and stare at my laptop screen trying to finish up an assignment. Even in between assignments, my brain gets fried so I look for something to do. I almost always turn to Netflix, but now the bike program has given me an even better alternative. With the rental bikes on campus, I can ride around campus and become more active instead of being lazy. I can just grab a bike on campus and ride around to clear my head and enjoy the sun beaming on my skin for an hour or two.

I usually like working out outside since it gets really bleak while working out inside. I like enjoying the fresh air while the sun and the wind hits my body as I work out. I love the feeling of the wind pushing my hair behind my ears. It’s a euphoric feeling. It’s important to get outside and enjoy the nice weather while we have it, because we all know how Montclair State can become a wind tunnel once winter hits.

Since the rental bike program lasts for a week at a time, it’s also beneficial to those who



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dorm. We have all gotten frustrated and have had our moments when we’re waiting for the shuttle by University Hall. Especially for students living at the Village, there are limited shuttles that go to their destination. Since the bikes rent out weekly, residents can ride their bikes to the Village and use the locks that are supplied free without charge. It’s an easy

alternative that can be used as a workout as well since you’re being active.

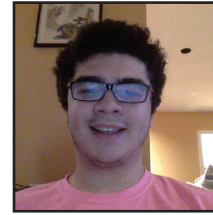
It’s important to take advantage of the new rental bikes on campus because they can be used for transportation, exercise and just plain old fun. The bikes have been implemented on campus for a reason, and more students should take advantage of the opportunity given to us by Montclair State.

Go out and rent a bike from the Student Recreation Center and ride your heart out.

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The Political Omen of ‘Saints Row’

Celebrity power on the rise as Trump’s presidency persists



JAVIER REYES
COLUMNIST

To say politics in the United States – and many other countries for that matter – have become increasingly unstable and divisive would be an understatement akin to someone stating the Golden State Warriors are a good basketball team.

President Trump, in his ever-growing propensity to exacerbate every conceivable issue, especially ones that seem to insult minorities, is impossible to ignore no matter where you go or who you talk to. However, I

do not want to talk specifically about President Trump. I have found that these last couple of years in the political climate have yielded an intriguing narrative involving the coalescence of celebrity culture and elected government officials.

This trend reminds me of an unapologetically crude and outlandish video game I played years ago: “Saints Row IV.” The series is essentially the opposite of “Grand Theft Auto.” It has grown exponentially in popularity with each game released. Over the course of each game, the street gang known as The Saints becomes criminally powerful and internationally popular. This all culminates in the fourth game in the series

when the player disarms a nuclear missile, earning the complete adoration of the American people. In return, the player is elected as president. A wave of insanity ensues from the entertaining game experience.

Now while the premise is clearly an exaggeration, I found myself intrigued by its subversive message. No matter what you may think of him, President Trump used to be primarily known for hosting the reality TV show “The Apprentice.” When he was elected, he was a celebrity with no experience as a government official. For a myriad of reasons, people overlooked his lack of experience and decided that he was somehow viable. Almost exactly like

The Saints in the “Saints Row” video game series, who became celebrities and had the people become enthralled with them.

It all makes me wonder if celebrities will continue to become more relevant when it comes to politics. After all, if Trump could successfully be elected to the highest level in government, why would Kid Rock be unable to secure a Senate bid? Why would Kanye West not follow through on his promise to run for president in 2020 from his speech at the 2015 Video Music Awards? We have even seen Jimmy Kimmel, a television host, become a prominent and vocal figure for health care.

For most people, the govern-

ment and its elected officials have not instilled enough reasons for us to be optimistic. It is a system littered with agendas and unkept promises that disregard the common man or woman. From the perspective that politicians just twiddle their thumbs while trying to convince you they are taking action, I can understand the notion of just supporting some celebrity for the sake of artificial change. Is the possible rise of celebrities in politics a good thing? Objectively, I do not think so, but it is also quite understandable.

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Concerning Editorials and Columns

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Student Artist Profile: Lindsay Bianchi



Photo courtesy of Lindsay Bianchi
Lindsay Bianchi, a journalism major, sits in front of her Beatles poster in her Blanton Hall dorm room.

Lindsay Bianchi, a junior majoring in journalism, describes how she decided to choose her career path within the art of storytelling.

Q. What is your major/minor/concentration?

A. My major is journalism.

Q. What made you decide to declare your major in journalism?

A. When I was a little girl, my grandma forced me to keep up with journal entries. As I got older, I did theater and loved to perform, and I've always loved to write. So I put my two loves together and came up with journalism where I can perform and communicate with people everyday in an artistic way.

Q. Who are your role models within your field of study?

A. As cliché as it is, Diane Sawyer is my biggest influence. She is truly the master of interviewing and pulling a good story.

Q. What were you like in

high school compared to college?

A. I've always had a big personality. Even back in high school, I was never the shy kid sitting in the corner. I was the leads in my school musicals and captain of the varsity tennis team for two years. I guess the only difference is I had to cut out some of my hobbies to make room for school work. I still think I'm relatively the same person.

Q. What are your personal and academic goals for this year?

A. This year, my academic goals are to continue to succeed in my major but hopefully while studying abroad in the spring semester of 2018. I just applied for Bournemouth University in Poole, England in the communications program and I recently got accepted.

Q. What are your career aspirations?

A. My career aspirations are to be an on-air news reporter for

any major network and hopefully be able to travel while doing so.

Q. What is an interesting fact that barely anyone knows about you?

A. An interesting fact that barely anyone knows about me is I have been a vegetarian for 13 years. I don't broadcast it like every other vegan.

Q. Any organizations you are a part of? Clubs on campus? Charities?

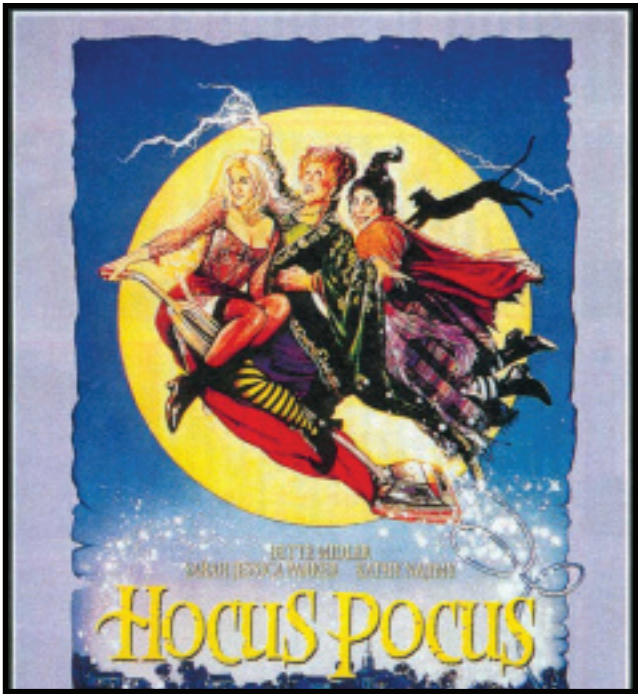
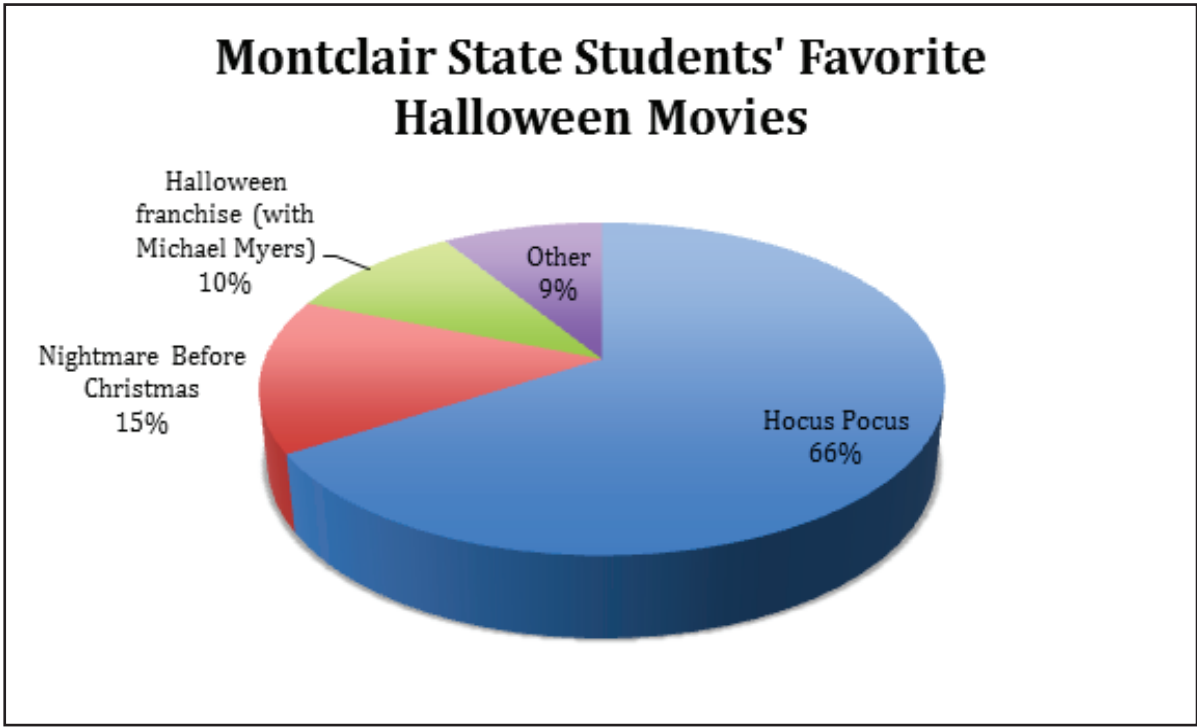
A. No, but I have a job as a waitress.

Q. What is one of the best moments you had at Montclair State so far?

A. So far at Montclair, one of my best moments would probably be working in a short film for a student's project. It was amazing to see the creativity of this school and be a part of a process like that. There are so many different experiences you can get involved in here without it being a club or actual event.

Favorite Halloween Movie Poll Results

Article written and survey conducted by Babee Garcia, Entertainment Editor and Robert O'Connor, Assistant Entertainment Editor



Theatrical poster for "Hocus Pocus." Photo courtesy of Flickr

Montclair State University students are getting into the Halloween spirit as they reveal their favorite movies for the season. A poll conducted by the Montclarion via Twitter and by Montclair State's Class of 2020 Facebook group shows students prefer more comedic Halloween films over scary ones. The question stated, "What's your favorite movie to get you into the Halloween spirit?" Coming in at 66 percent of the students votes was "Hocus Pocus." The 1993 film centers around the Sanderson sisters — three witches who appear on Halloween night. The witches were played by actresses Bette

Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy. It's up to two teenagers, a black cat and a young girl to put an end to the witches' resurrection. "Between Sarah Jessica Parker and the director of 'The Cheetah Girls' and 'High School Musical,' how could you not love 'Hocus Pocus?'" said humanities major Michelle MacDevette. Joey Marrella, a finance major, agreed with MacDevette, saying it is Midler's performance that he found most memorable. "'I Put a Spell on You'" is one of the most iconic scenes in any movie. The John Carpenter horror flick, "Halloween" got

22 percent of the votes. Within the "other" category, nine percent of students voiced their love of the Halloween special "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" and Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas." Some students chose other films as their favorite, like marketing major Erika Rademaker who chose "The Addams Family." "I always used to watch it during Halloween as a kid, so it brings back good memories," Rademaker said. Montclair State students are more interested in having a funny, lighthearted Halloween instead of a terrifying one which is depicted in the types of films they prefer watching as Halloween approaches.

Students React to Weinstein Scandal

Support for women in Hollywood for speaking up



Montclair State students Anthony Chidichimo (top left), Sabila Nazim (top right), Sydney Peterson-Quinn (bottom left) and Courtney Vignola(bottom right) voice their opinions on the Harvey Weinstein scandal.

Robert O'Connor
Assistant Entertainment Editor

After The New York Times published a piece exposing Harvey Weinstein of sexual harassment going as far back as the 90s, the world collectively stood up and said, “No more.” Following the article’s publication, actresses came forward to share their own experiences with Weinstein. Gwyneth Paltrow, Angelina Jolie, Kate Beckinsale and many others have turned to social media to publicly discuss Weinstein’s tenancy to sexually harass and manipulate actresses into performing inappropriate acts, from nude massages to intercourse.

Anthony Chidichimo, a theater studies major, wasn’t shocked to hear the news. “[I’ve] heard so many jokes and stories about Harvey Weinstein, but it’s just no one ever came forward until someone finally spoke up about it,” Chidichimo said.

Weinstein’s sexually inappropriate behavior has been an open secret within the industry for years. On the red carpet in 2005, Courtney Love warned aspiring actresses against taking a meeting with Weinstein in his hotel room. At least two separate references to his actions were made on the hit NBC show, “30 Rock.” In 2013 while announcing Oscar nominations, “Family Guy’s” Seth MacFarlane made light of Weinstein’s behaviors. If what Weinstein was doing was common knowledge among the industry, why did

it take The New York Times’ piece and countless actresses coming forward for something to be done? The Weinstein Company, founded by Weinstein and his brother Bob, was found to have been aware of Harvey’s actions for years, quietly agreeing upon settlements with actresses in return for their silence. When the Times broke the story and it became apparent that action needed to be taken, Weinstein was fired from his company. Now without a job, he plans to travel to a European rehabilitation facility.

Communication and media arts major Sydney Peterson-Quinn wasn’t impressed with his rehab plan. “The fact that [Weinstein] is trying to relocate to Europe is kind of a cop out,” Peterson-Quinn said. Since the company has been paying off victims for decades, surely the board, especially his own brother, knew what Weinstein was up to. In keeping it a secret, the company made it possible for Weinstein to continue to prey upon young women for years. He was only fired because the public found out about it and refused to let it go.

Julia Contino, an English major in the teacher education program, was shocked this had gone on for so long without any intervention. “This not only falls on him, but

everyone that knew about it,” Contino said.

Chidichimo felt that more needs to be done because of lack of intervention from the inside. “They deserve to all be fired,” Chidichimo said. “[People] always talk about the Weinsteins and how they’re so powerful, and now with all these accusations, I feel it’s disgusting.”

Some celebrities have been less critical of Weinstein. Last week Lindsay Lohan posted an Instagram video, that has since been deleted, defending Weinstein. She said she feels bad for him, that his wife shouldn’t divorce him and that people needed to stop. Understandably, many were displeased with this.

Franklin Rotondella, a finance major with a minor in economics, pointed out that Lohan isn’t in the best position to comment on the scandal.

“[She’s] trying to forge a comeback,” Rotondella said. “She shouldn’t be voicing adverse opinions.”

Other students, like psychology major Sabila Nazim, believed that Lohan should take her own past into account when declaring a side.

“As a victim of harassment herself, she should be supporting other women, not shutting them down,” Nazim said.

This past weekend, Weinstein was expelled from the Academy of Motion

Picture Arts and Sciences, which highlights the changing climate in Hollywood. Perhaps these are baby steps towards the right direction. However, in 2003, the Academy awarded convicted child rapist Roman Polanski the Oscar for Best Director to a standing ovation. He was not present at the ceremony, as he had fled the country in 1978 to avoid arrest.

Peterson-Quinn thanked the victims who came forward, highlighting how brave they are.

“These women are stepping forward,” Peterson-Quinn said. “They’re making other women feel okay to come and talk about their experiences with Harvey Weinstein and with other men, and even women, who have sexually assaulted them.”

Courtney Vignola, double majoring in psychology and linguistics with a minor in speech-language pathology, highlighted the similarities to the Bill Cosby situation.

“These men of higher power are abusing their power to do things to women that are degrading and disgusting,” Vignola said, “but if we band together [and] spread awareness, we can have it stopped.”



Harvey Weinstein on the red carpet at the Academy Awards. Photo courtesy of Flickr

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-Courtney Vignola, double major in Psychology and Linguistics

Montclair Improv League and Friends Put on Halloween Showcase



The MILF gang serenading an audience member in “Doo Wop.”

Photo courtesy of Allison Davidoff

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On Friday, Oct.13, the Montclair Improv League and Friends (MILF) organization kicked off their first performance of the weekend in a Halloween themed showcase. The doors opened promptly at 7:55 p.m. with a storm of eager and excited fans at Richardson Hall

To fit with the Halloween theme, all cast members were dressed in either purple or orange shirts with black pants. Many cast members, as well as the audience, interacted and joked merrily throughout the evening.

“It was so funny I was tearing up,” said Christine Leonhardt, a former MILF cast member.

Leonhardt also mentioned that she loves the new cast and each year their performances continue to get better.

This particular themed showed was directed by Aiden MacDonald. MILF got everyone into the Halloween spirit with a short video. The iconic “This Is Halloween” song from the Disney classic “The Nightmare Before Christmas” ignited the audience’s sense of nostalgia. The chorus was disrupted by a voice-over from a cast member saying “MILF” in a comically monotone voice over the word “Halloween”.

New MILF member Luke Martino, made his debut this past Friday and did not disappoint. Martino provided humor and wit on the spot without any hesitation. One of his most iconic moments in the show was when he took a power jab at other players.

When he was given the prompt, “bad reasons to draw straws,” Martino responded, “Okay players e-board, time to pick the director for MILF!”

Other notable talents included MILF members Jessica Yphantides and Anthony Chidichimo. They continuously blew the audience away with clever jokes and fantastic stage presence. Individually, Chidichimo and Yphantides added an extra layer of creativity to their performance and helped bring out the energy and talent of their fellow MILF cast mates.

The two stole the show and left the audience entertained. Their rapping ability was shocking during the “Kick It,” scene. Yphantides played a dim witted southern nurse in love with a doctor, played by Luke Martino. Supplementary to that, Chidichimo played an autonomous stethoscope who hilariously was also in love with the doctor. He rapped about his affection towards the doctor and not letting the nurse have him, which was similar to the Brandy and Monica hit song “The Boy Is Mine.”

The performance was “a show to remember” said Val Pellington, a sophomore theatre studies major. She praised the cast, calling the show, “incredible with incredibly talented people.”



Luke Martino Anthony Chidichimo and Jessica Yphantides rap battle it out in “Kick It.”

Photo courtesy of Allison Davidoff



Anthony Chidichimo and Jessica Yphantides mocking Liv Rauso in “Two-Headed Monster.”

Photo courtesy of Allison Davidoff



Luke Martino and Jerry Harney as pirates in “Revolver”, featuring MILF cast members Jessica Podskotch and Rachel Geisser.

Photo courtesy of Allison Davidoff

‘Happy Death Day’ Review

Blum produces an entertaining, yet flawed film

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There have been a plethora of stories within multiple genres that fit into the sub-genre of time-loop paranoia. I still remember the iconic Bill Murray escapade of “Groundhog Day,” the criminally underrated “Edge of Tomorrow” and even the obscure 2007 Nickelodeon movie “The Last Day of Summer.” “Happy Death Day” is the slasher-horror film that does an adequate job.

The film, directed by Christopher B. Landon, stars Jessica Rothe as Tree Gelbman, a snobby sorority sister who continuously gets murdered on her birthday and has to search for who her killer is. The movie has a gimmicky, cynical and irresistible plot. The repetition manages to avoid becoming too monotonous with a solid variety of ways in which the main protagonist is murdered.

But I wouldn’t particularly rec-



Jessica Rothe stars as Tree, forced to solve her own murder in ‘Happy Death Day.’

Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

ommend going to see “Happy Death Day” with the expectation to be scared. Sure, it has one or two moments that will instill some fear in you — especially due to the disturbing face of the school’s mascot that the killer uses as a mask — but it’s

still predictable. It’s rated PG-13, after all. What surprised me was how often the film didn’t feel like a horror experience. Ironically enough, it has moments of humor, heart and an appreciable underbelly of cute life lessons sprinkled through-

out it. It’s not at the “Atlanta” level of social commentary and creativity, but it’s still an admirable attempt.

All of that being said, the most notable aspect of the film is the sensational performance given by Rothe. She’s remarkably en-

dearing throughout the film’s entirety. Her charisma practically carries every scene that otherwise would’ve been dull and manages to turn a couple of scenes into full-fledged emotional pageants. Without her, “Happy Death Day” might’ve suffered immensely since most of the other characters were woefully unmemorable. It’s the kind of breakout performance that makes me genuinely hope for her to be in more films in the future. I’m sure many others will share that same sentiment, too.

“Happy Death Day” may not be the best project to come out of Blumhouse Productions — which has plenty of prodigious titles like “Paranormal Activity,” “The Purge” and “Get Out” under its belt — but it’s an entertaining film, even if it can be a bit absurd at times. It’s a fun, quirky film that feels more like a coming-of-age comedy than it does a terror-inducing thriller, but perhaps that’s what makes “Happy Death Day” such a heartfelt and enjoyable ride.

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Drew University
5 p.m.

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12 p.m.

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3 p.m.

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Monmouth University
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Women's Swimming at
Seton Hall University
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Women's Swimming vs.
Monmouth University
(in South Orange, NJ)
3 p.m.

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7 p.m.

Sports

Red Hawks Falter on
Homecoming in a Clash with
NJAC-Leading Salisbury, 28-10

3-3 Montclair State looks to bounce back against Frostburg State on Saturday



Montclair State's defensive line stares down Salisbury University and their offense.

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Keanan Carter
Staff Writer

It was homecoming game this Saturday, Oct. 14, and the stakes were high. Returning alumni and current Montclair State University faithfuls alike streamed into Sprague Field eager to root on the Red Hawks as the 3-2 squad chomped at the opportunity to extend their win streak to three games and knock off their New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) leading foe, the 5-1 Salisbury University Seagulls. After Salisbury's speedy gadget quarterback, Brendan Lewis, set the tone bursting for a 30-yard scramble on the game's initial play from scrimmage and the Seagulls proceeded to methodically march down the field for a touchdown pounded in at the goal line by running back Malique Pratt, a cloud of cautious optimism lingered over the now subdued Montclair State fans that packed the grandstand.

The Red Hawks faltered in the crucial match up, 28-10, unable to capitalize and climb closer to their rival in the standings. But to say that the Red Hawks

were outmatched is not an accurate assessment considering the squad found themselves smack dab in the thick of things at halftime only trailing 14-10. Their demise came at the hand of Salisbury's painstakingly efficient approach on offense orchestrating their triple option oriented system throughout the contest.

"They were tough to handle," said junior linebacker Mauro Altamura. He bluntly led the Red Hawks with 15 total tackles while flying around the field in attempt to contain the triple option. "They were very disciplined in sticking to their option system," Altamura said.

The Red Hawks' attempted to put a halt to Salisbury's predictable play calling, but because of the bevy of dynamic weapons the Seagulls boasted, Montclair State simply could not recover as Lewis and company gashed the Red Hawks' defensive unit for 390 total rushing yards.

The Red Hawks' offense sputtered, incapable of carrying the momentum from last the week's prior's performance against The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). Quarterback John Apicella, who had steered the Red Hawks back on course for

two consecutive victories coming into this Saturday, had a tough time stringing together productive drives.

"The offensive line did a great job of with giving me enough time," said Apicella, who was sacked only once during the game. "We just didn't come up with enough big plays. All we can do heading into this week is focus on taking it one play at a time and execute," said Apicella.

In order to get into the playoffs, the Red Hawks need to win against both third place

holder Frostburg State University and second place holder Wesley College, who are both 5-1 respectively. The pressure to win games does not deter the Red Hawks or stop them from keeping their goal in sight.

"We definitely haven't put ourselves in position for the playoffs because we're dependent on other teams beating the top two in the conference. It's certainly still within reach," said wide out Taj Huggins, who led the Red Hawks' receiving corps with a massive ten catch and a 185-yard breakout perfor-



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Red Hawks quarterback John Apicella (16) throws a deep pass.



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Red Hawks' Julianee Prince leaps into the endzone for Montclair State's only touchdown.

mance.

"We have to win out the rest of our games and it's doable. We just have to play our best game, one game at a time."

Undoubtedly, this squad refuses to acknowledge the term 'quit' and are resolute in grinding out each game from here on out. Having to "keep pounding" to find a chance to grasp post season play. Heading into another daunting opponent in Frostburg, P.A. on Saturday, their mission has been unwavering during practice this week in preparation.

"We are implementing new plays and tinkering with ones we already have set. It's going

to take a group effort with everybody doing their parts but I know that we can play with these guys," said Apicella.

The Red Hawks will square off at Frostburg State at 1.p.m. this Saturday.

"Nothing is set in stone," said Apicella. "We just have to make the most of our opportunity."

Red Hawk Recap			
Red Hawks Men's Soccer: 3 William Paterson University: 1	Red Hawks Volleyball: 1 United States Coast Guard Academy: 3	Red Hawks Field Hockey: 1 Rowan University: 2	Red Hawks Volleyball: 3 Union College: 0
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Men’s Hockey Captures First Victory of the Season

Montclair State falls to Army on Friday, crushes Monmouth on Saturday

Montana Peschler
Staff Writer

This past homecoming week-end, Friday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 14, the Montclair State University men’s club ice hockey team suffered a loss against Army West Point United States Military Academy but then claimed their first win of the season against Monmouth University.

On Friday at 8:40 p.m. the puck dropped at Floyd Hall against Army to begin the first period. Both teams played a pretty evenly battled game in the first period, which left the game tied with no goals scored. Toward the end of the period (19:06), Montclair State’s forward Shawn Meneghin received a two-minute tripping minor to end the first period.

As the second period was underway, it seemed like anyone’s game. However, Army managed to put pressure on Montclair State’s defense and put one past starting goaltender, John Pitera, at the 8:42 mark which updated the score 1-0 in favor of Army. About seven minutes

later, Montclair defenseman, Dan Diner, was penalized with a two-minute tripping minor (15:47) which put a close to the second period.

Period three was definitely the most action packed. The period started off when Army suffered from a two-minute hooking minor (3:15) and soon after at the 4:42 mark, Red Hawks’ forward Daniel Tokarz scored off of a pass from Meneghin which set the score to 1-1.

A little under five minutes later, left winger captain Sam Enright took it upon himself and scored an unassisted goal at the 8:51 mark. Defenseman Michael Nordstrom was then penalized with a two-minute kneeling minor (9:22), but Army did not score. With Montclair State up by one goal, forward Michael Buckel then put one past Army’s goaltender making the score 3-1. Unfortunately, Pitera then received a two-minute unsportsmanlike misconduct penalty (12:33) and Army took advantage and scored another goal at the 12:39 mark, making the score 3-2.

After Army’s goal and a

few more exchanged penalties, Army also scored two more goals (16:55 and 17:45) in the third period to end the game with a final score of 4-3. There was a recorded 55 shots on goal against Montclair State and only 29 against Army.

The next day, Montclair State suited up against Monmouth University at 11:40 a.m. in honor of homecoming week-end. Once the puck dropped to begin the first period, Buckel scored the first goal of the game assisted by Meneghin and center Justin Ritter (4:53). About a minute later, Enright was penalized with a two-minute crosschecking minor (5:27), but that did not set the Red Hawks back. Forward Evan Calendrillo received a pass from Ritter at the 6:01 m which put Montclair up on the scoreboard 2-0. With penalties in between, Enright also scored again (11:35) thanks to passes from Ritter and Diner.

About six minutes after Enright’s goal, Monmouth snuck one past starting goaltender Nicola De Marzo (17:37) updating the score 3-1. The first period did not end after Monmouth’s first goal. Buckel scored yet again at the 19:43 mark assisted by defenseman Thomas Vander Vliet concluding the first period with Montclair State up 4-1.

With an action-packed first period, Monmouth struggled starting out the second period and received a two-minute tripping minor (1:34). Montclair State began dominating the second period and scored goal after goal. The first goal was credited to Enright with an assist from Buckel at the 3:52 mark.

About four minutes later, Buckel received his first hat trick of the season by scoring



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Daniel Tokarz (16) fights for the puck in a faceoff against Army.

another goal (7:08) with help from Ritter and Diner. Nearly seconds after the team’s celebration, Calendrillo insured the team another goal (7:44) and the Red Hawks became untouchable. With a few minor penalties swapped between teams, Calendrillo and defenseman Brandon Vander Vliet then passed the puck to Thomas Vander Vliet who scored at the 13:18 mark. Monmouth managed to score an unassisted goal in hopes of coming back (14:11). Right before the second period was about to end, Enright also received his first hat trick of the season (17:20) with an assist from center Matthew Dreisbach. The score at the end of the second period was 9-2.

With Montclair State having a huge advantage in the third period, they upped the score by another goal thanks to Buckel and nice passes from Meneghin and forward Kevin Brown (0:29). Monmouth was soon penalized with a two-minute interference minor (1:26) and received the same penalty nearly six minutes later (7:35). With Monmouth struggling to

get past Montclair State’s defense, Enright managed to score yet again (9:18) thanks to an assist from Brandan Vander Vliet.

Not too soon after Enright’s fourth goal of the game, Red Hawk forward Mark Frade Jr. scored the last and final goal for the team at the 10:45 mark with a successful pass from defenseman Greg Matesic. With Montclair State owning a huge lead, Monmouth did manage to score two more goals before the game ended, but it wasn’t enough. The Montclair State men’s club ice hockey team was granted with their first win of the season with a score of 12-4 and a whopping 62 shots on goal compared to Monmouth’s 19 shots on goal.

The Red Hawks hope to improve their 1-5-0-0 record and face off against Central Connecticut State University on Friday, Oct. 20 at Floyd Hall Arena at 9 p.m. and against Rowan University on Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Hollydell Ice Arena at 8:15 p.m.

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Montclair State celebrates after scoring in the third period.

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Competitive Co-ed Cheerleading in Montclair State's Future

Tryouts for the co-ed squad will take place in November



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The competition team gathers together to take a group photo in their new shirts sponsored by Just Flex.

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For the first time at Montclair State University, the cheerleading program is attempting to create a co-ed team. The co-ed team will be separate from the all-girl team and is expecting to attend local competitions for the 2017-2018 competition season.

Members of the cheerleading team are excited for the expansion of the program. A co-ed team at Montclair State might increase the number of students that apply. Many students believe it will have a positive impact because it will open up doors for the future.

"I think having a co-ed team gives Montclair State a great opportunity to expand our cheerleading program and help Montclair State cheerleading become better known," said Jess Perrone, a junior physical education and health major and all-girl captain.

Montclair State is late in the game for co-ed cheerleading. Many believe that the university's cheerleading program has evolved immensely in recent years.

"I personally believe Montclair hasn't had a co-ed team in the past because there have not been enough males who have shown interest," said super-senior captain of the all-girl cheerleading team Kelly McGuirl, a family science and child development education major.

Cheerleading, once considered a small hobby for girls, has gained massive popularity throughout the past decade. Teams travel the country to attend intense national competitions. Every year it seems to grow bigger and more competitive. This increase in popularity has motivated not only women, but also men to try out.

"In the past, it was not a widely respected sport," said Jayne Shalkowski, Montclair State cheerleading coach. "Bigger, Division I schools, such as University of Louisville, have

amazing co-ed teams, which have opened up doors for other schools to have co-ed also."

University of Louisville, Texas Tech University and Oklahoma State University are all Division I schools that have very respected co-ed cheerleading programs. In April 2017, each team took the top three titles at the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) collegiate nationals in Daytona Beach, Florida. Many men and women look up to them. This has sparked an interest for many male cheerleaders to start co-ed cheerleading teams at their own schools.

Kevin Kleiner, a junior family science and human development major, is one of the men attempting to launch the co-ed team at Montclair State. He became interested in cheerleading from a young age.

"I believe Montclair should have a co-ed cheerleading team because there is such a high demand in males wanting to cheer and we should definitely accommodate those needs," Kleiner said.

Cheerleading is often misunderstood by the public. Media represents cheerleading as a dominantly female sport with short skirts, and girls waving their "pom-poms." However, the intensity and athletic demand of competitive cheerleading today has drawn many males in. Students around the Montclair State campus have varying opinions.

"I think many people underestimate cheerleading because they compare it to mainstream sports, like football and hockey," said Pasquale Dimaiolo, a junior family and child studies major. "I personally think it's a sport because from what I have seen, they do a lot of difficult skills."

Stunts are thrown at bone chilling heights and difficult gymnastics skills are required for competitive cheerleading.

"I tried every other sport, but cheerleading was definitely the hardest," Kleiner said. "I seek a challenge."

Members of the cheerleading program are hoping for a large

turnout for the co-ed tryouts. The amount of cheerleaders that try out will determine the future of Montclair State co-ed cheerleading.

"If we get a good amount of members interested, tryouts will be held in November 2017," Coach Shalkowski said.

Once the co-ed program

grows, they are striving to compete at NCA collegiate nationals, just like the all-girl team. In the meantime, co-ed is just expected to compete at local competitions for the 2017-2018 season.



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Members of the co-ed and all-girl team at a football game at Montclair State.



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Kevin Kleiner backspotting for his stunt group.



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Kevin Kleiner and his stunt group, flyer Brianna Kovach, base Kennedy Elise and front spot Brianna D'Aloisio warm up for their next stunting sequence.